**Arraignment Report** 

Agency Name

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12/21/2016

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ARRAIGNMENT REPORT

Created Date: 12/21/2016 6:39AM

Last Update: 12/21/2016 7:18AM

DESCRIPTION

Incident #: 16-27360

CFS #: 642200

Court Date: 20161221

Arrested Location: 222 MAIN ST

Blda:

Apt:

Floor:

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OFFENDER DESCRIPTION

Name: HYDE, JEFFREY

Sex: M

Race: W

Age: 57

Location: 181 RIDGE RD

Bldg:

Apt:

Floor:

MIDDLETOWN, CT 06457

ARREST VIOLATION DESCRIPTION

Statute Code: 53a-117

Violation Code: 53a-117 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF 3RD

Violation Code Type: STATE STATUTE

Violation Count: 1

Law Enforcement Disposition: BOOKED INTO JAIL

Arrest Type: Taken Into Custody

Charge Date: 12/21/2016

Statute Code: 53a-182

Violation Code: 53a-182 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT THREATENING

Violation Code Type: STATE STATUTE

Violation Count: 1

Law Enforcement Disposition: BOOKED INTO JAIL

Arrest Type: Taken Into Custody

Charge Date: 12/21/2016

ARREST/EMPLOYEE/DESCRIPTION:

Name: DELIMA, OSCAR

Role: Arresting

Action Date: 12/21/2016

Duty Assignment:

Agency: MIDDLETOWN POLICE

REMARKS

On 12/21/2016, Jeffrey Hyde came to this department to turn himself in on an active arrest warrant held by this department.

Hyde was arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct (53a-182) and Criminal Mischief in the Third Degree (53a-117) / Domestic Violence (46b-38a). Hyde was held on a \$450 court set bond.

Hyde is scheduled to appear before Middletown Superior Court GA-9 on 12/21/2016, at 0900 hours.

Case closed.

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**Arraignment Report** 

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ARRAIGNMENT REPORT

DESCRIPTION

Incident #: 16-30543

CFS #: 648301

Court Date: 12/22/2016

Arrested Location: 460 MAIN ST

Blda:

Apt: 10

Floor:

MIDDLETOWN, CT 06457

OFFENDER DESCRIPTION

Name: ECHOLS, JAMES

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 31

OFFENDER ADDRESS

Location: 460 MAIN ST

Bldg: APT 10 Apt:

Floor: 3

MIDDLETOWN, CT 06457

ARREST VIOLATION DESCRIPTION

Statute Code: 21A-267(A)

Violation Code: 21A-267(A) - USE OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

Violation Code Type: STATE STATUTE

Law Enforcement Disposition: BOOKED INTO JAIL

Arrest Type: On-View Arrest Charge Date: 12/21/2016

Violation Count: 1

Statute Code: 21a-278(b)\*+

Violation Code: 21a-278(b)\*+ - POSSESS W/INTENT (SBS OFF)

Violation Code Type: STATE STATUTE

Violation Count: 1

Law Enforcement Disposition: BOOKED INTO JAIL

Arrest Type: On-View Arrest

Charge Date: 12/21/2016

Statute Code : 21a-279(a)\*\*

Violation Code: 21a-279(a)\*\* - POSSESS NARCOTICS (SBS OFF)

Violation Code Type: STATE STATUTE

Law Enforcement Disposition: BOOKED INTO JAIL

Arrest Type: On-View Arrest

Charge Date: 12/21/2016

ARREST EMPLOYEE DESCRIPTION

Violation Count: 2

Name: LATHROP, JUSTIN

Duty Assignment:

Role: Arresting

Action Date: 12/15/2016

Agency: MIDDLETOWN POLICE

REMARKS ...

On the early morning of 12-21-2016 Detectives from the Middletown Police Department Narcotics Unit prepared to execute a signed narcotics search and seizure warrant on James Echols and 460 Main Street Apartment 13 Middletown, Connecticut. The sole tenant of 460 Main Street Apartment 13 is James Echols. Detectives tasked the Middletown Police Department SWAT team to make entry and secure the residence, as there have been reports that firearms may be in the apartment.

This search warrant was obtained as a result of numerous complaints from local and neighboring residents, building

management, landlords in the area, as well as numerous hours of surveillance conducted by the Narcotics Unit in their ongoing investigation into illegal narcotic sales occurring in Middletown. Echols is known to Detectives to sell crack cocaine and heroin.

At approximately 0530 hours, the SWAT team proceeded to 460 Main Street apartment #13. They loudly announced their presence and intent to serve a signed search and seizure warrant. After several seconds of no one answering the door, and feeling that those inside may either be hiding, attempting to destroy evidence, or attempting to retrieve weapons to use against police, they were forced to gain entry by breaching the apartment door. A distraction device was deployed (flash bang).

Once entry was made Echols was found in bedroom and taken into custody without incident.

Echols was searched and found to be free of any contraband. Echols was patted down for weapons with negative results.

Once the residence was secured Detectives began a thorough search of the apartment. The following items were found:

In the bedroom closet Sgt. Yepes located 50 bags of heroin hidden in a white sock in the laundry hamper. On the floor in front of the dresser Sgt. Yepes located a bottle of Super Manitol Dietary Supplement typically used as a cutting agent. Narcotics dealers typically use cutting agents to increase the volume of their product in order to make more sales and increase their profit. Sgt. Yepes also located a shoebox under the bed with numerous empty baggies varying in size, small amount of marijuana (immeasurable amount) and many small black rubber bands. Detective Dirga located an envelope under the bed addressed to James Echols at 460 Main Street Apartment 13 Middletown CT 06457.

On the nightstand and under the nightstand next to the bed in the bedroom Detective Lathrop located the following items:

Digital Scale with white residue

Numerous small black elastic bands typically used to bundle up heroin

\$1233.00 in US currency

Box of latex gloves

Box of ziplock baggies

- 2 cell phones(1 white IPhone 4) (1 black IPhone 7)
- 2 large bags of "apple" brand baggies which are used to package narcotics
- 1 Oxycodone 10mg pill

In the kitchen Detectives Peck and Dirga located the following items:

Apple brand bags with a razor with residue (kitchen counter)
Bank of America envelope (Account info)

The contraband was found with Echols's belongings and was thus deemed to be in his sole possession. While conducting the search Echols told Detectives he had a little bit of crack zipped up in his mattress. Detectives searched the mattress and the mattress cover and did not locate any crack cocaine. Echols then stated that he had probably sold his last few bags the night before.

Echols was transported to MPD headquarters for processing by a marked MPD patrol unit.

Detective Peck tested the suspected heroin which was seized from Echols's closet using NARK kit 10003 which tested positive for heroin. The street value of the heroin sold at \$10.00 per bag gives it a value of \$500,00.

Given contraband found in Echol's bedroom and by conducting controlled narcotic purchases from Echols, it was evident

that Echols was illegally possessing and selling crack cocaine and heroin.

The US currency was deemed to be the ill-gotten gains of drug sales and was seized under asset forfeiture.

In the seized US currency from Echols residence was \$60.00 of marked MPD narcotic unit funds. Those funds were used to buy illegal contraband from Echols using a confidential informant. Those funds will be tagged as evidence in this case.

Detective Peck ran Echols through the CT Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) and Echols has not been prescribed a prescription for Oxycodone (10mg). Detective Peck confirmed with the drugs.com pill identifier that the pill were in fact Oxycontin 10mg. Detective Peck has utilized this method of identification on numerous narcotic pill related drug investigations. Oxycodone hydrochloride is classified as a Schedule 2 controlled substance under the controlled substance act (CSA). It has a high potential for abuse and is available by prescription only.

Echols was held on a \$250,000 surety bond for violation of CGS (2 counts) 21a-279(a)(1) Possession of Narcotics, 21a-278(b) Possession of a Narcotics with Intent to Sell, and 21a-267a Possession of Drug Paraphernalia He is scheduled to appear at GA9 in Middletown on at 0900 hours on 12-21-2016.

Echols is currently on Federal Probation and is supervised by a Federal Parole Officer. Echols has 7 prior arrests with convictions of Possession of a Firearm, Sale of Narcotics, Possession of Narcotics with Intent to Sell, Interfering/Resisting, Interfering with a Search, Assault in the Third Degree, and Probation Violation.

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MIDDLETOWN POLICE

**Arraignment Report** 

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ARRAIGNMENT REPORT

Floor:

Created Date: 12/16/2016 1:21PM

Last Update: 12/20/2016 9:16AM

Incident #: 16-30643

CFS #: 648484

Arrested Location: 31 SUMMER HILL AVE

Blda:

Apt:

Floor:

MIDDLETOWN, CT

OFFENDER DESCRIPTION

Name: EHLERS, STEPHEN JOHN JR

Sex: M

Race: W

Age: 41

OFFENDER ADDRESS

Court Date :

Location: 31 SUMMERHILL RD

Bldg:

Apt:

MIDDLETOWN, CT 06457

ARREST VIOLATION DESCRIPTION

Violation Count: 2

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Violation Count: 1

Statute Code: 53A-217

Violation Code: 53A-217 - CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM, AMMUNITION OR AN ELECTRONIC DEFENSE WEAPON

Violation Code Type: STATE STATUTE

Law Enforcement Disposition: BOOKED INTO JAIL Arrest Type: Taken Into Custody

Charge Date: 12/16/2016

Statute Code: 53A-217

Violation Code: 53A-217 - CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM, AMMUNITION OR AN ELECTRONIC DEFENSE WEAPON

Violation Code Type: STATE STATUTE

Law Enforcement Disposition: BOOKED INTO JAIL Arrest Type: Taken Into Custody

Charge Date: 12/16/2016

Statute Code: 53a-217c

Violation Code: 53a-217c - CRIMINAL POSS OF A PISTOL OR REVOLVER

Violation Code Type: STATE STATUTE

Law Enforcement Disposition: BOOKED INTO JAIL

Arrest Type: Taken Into Custody

Charge Date: 12/16/2016

ARREST EMPLOYEE DESCRIPTION

Name: LASKOWSKI, JEFFREY

Role: Arresting

Duty Assignment: Action Date: 12/16/2016

Agency: MIDDLETOWN POLICE

REMARKS

On 12/15/2016 Connecticut Adult Probation Officer William Dinunzio contacted the Middletown Police Department for assistance in doing a compliance check on Stephen Ehlers who resides at 31 Summer Hill Road in Middletown. Adult Probation did a home check on 12/13/2016 to verify Stephen's address where they found a box of 12 guage shotgun ammunition and a .38 special bullet in Stephen's bedroom. Adult Probation returned to their office and after reviewing Stephen's file they determined that he was a convicted felon. Adult probation requested that the Middletown Police Department assist on 12/16/2016 to go to 31 Summer Hill Rd for safety purposes because they felt that Stephen was in possession of a firearm because of the ammunition they observed.

Members of Adult Probation and the Middletown Police Department arrived at 31 Summer Hill Road on 12/16/2016 at approximately 10:50 hours. Adult Probation couldn't make contact with Stephen at the residence, but they contacted Stephen Ehlers via cell phone. Adult Probation picked up Ehlers and then returned to his residence.

Adult Probation conducted a search of the residence and located an unloaded JP Sauer & Sohn .38 caliber Special six shot revolver in the top dresser drawer of Stephen's 2nd floor bedroom with a box of 24 rounds of .38 caliber ammunition. Adult Probation also located a Remington 87 Premier Automatic 12 gauge shotgun and a Fox model "B" Double Barrel 12 guage shotgun in a closet located on the first floor. Adult probation also located 58 rounds of various types of live 12 gauge shotgun rounds in the residence. In the basement Adult Probation located a Olin brand flare gun that is capable of firing a 12 gauge shotgun round. Adult Probation also located a shotgun wooden forward grip and a shotgun receiver without the barrel. Adult Probation turned over all items they located to the Middletown Police Department..

A criminal history check shows that Stephen Ehlers has prior arrests and convictions for Disorderly conduct (53a-182) and for possession of Narcotics (21a-279(a)). Ehlers criminal history check shows that he is a convicted felon.

Ehlers was arrested by the Middletown CT Police Department and charged with one count of Criminal Possession of a Firearm (53a-217 (c)), 2 counts of Criminal Possession of a Firearm (long gun/rifle), and 1 count of Criminal Possession of Ammunition (53a-217 (a)).

Ehlers was transported to the Middletown Police Department and booked and charged with the above charges. Ehlers's bond was set at \$100,000 surety. Ehlers was able to make bond and he was released. Ehlers is scheduled to appear in court on on 12/22/2016 at Middlesex Superior Court.

Nothing further.

Officer's Signature

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